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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office Action mailed October 03, 2003, Confirmation no. 8893. Please enter the following amendments and remarks in the present application.

REMARKS

Election/Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372

The Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 is required for examination purposes.

Regarding Groups I-IV of the above-referenced Office Action, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I - claims 1-20, and 24-28. Applicants also elect with traverse the species of SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 4. Claims readable on SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4 for claims 1-20 and 24-28 include: Claims 1, 3, 5, 10-18, 18, 20, 24-28.

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